

# Woodworkers Club of Houston

*A dream has come true if it's still there when you open your eyes!*

...Anonymous

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**RESPECT \* HONOR \* GRATITUDE \* REMEMBRANCE**

I hope that some time during Memorial Day you found time to remember those who sacrificed their lives so we could be free. We owe them and their families a great debt of gratitude.

"Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor ...." — General John Logan, General Orders No. 11, May 5, 1868

With these words Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was officially designated as a day for Americans to honor those who gave their lives for the freedoms we cherish.

*Roslyn Hager, President*

## Welcome New Members

Quint Boswell  
Ethan Carlyle  
Scott Canady  
James W. May

## JUNE SPEAKER – MIKE TURNER

WWCH member and teacher, **Mike Turner** speaks on Woodworking Safety.

## IN MEMORIAM – John L. Jackson



Former president of WWCH, **John Lawrence Jackson, PhD**, passed away Friday, May 27 at his home in Conroe. John held [Masters degrees](#) from The University of Texas and The [University of Oklahoma](#) where he received his PhD. John was a professor of business at The University of Oklahoma, The University of Virginia, and North Harris County College.

His interests included sailing, scuba diving, piloting, **woodworking**, and he was very involved in community activities. He remained an active and interested member of WWCH long after his tenure as president.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, two brothers and one sister and nine grandchildren. A memorial service was held on June 3 at the Unity Church of the Hills in Austin. His ashes will be interred in the San Marcos cemetery later in the summer. Donations may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House.



*John, you will long be remembered as a strong supporter of the Club and one of the finest Presidents the Club has ever had. Rest in peace buddy, we will all miss you greatly.*

...Bill Cole

*John Jackson was one the nicest men I have ever met. I only knew him through the club but I can say he was fully devoted to our club and its activities. He supported us in all we did. I remember one Friday night he made a special trip down from Conroe to visit us while we were making toys. He just wanted to see what was going on. John was a fine leader of the club, well organized, and well aware of what was happening. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him at our club.*

...Norm Nichols

## VEGAS BOUND??

Members of the Woodworker's Club of Houston are attending the **American Woodworking and Furniture Show in Las Vegas**, July 20 through July 23. Andy Anderson and Denis Muras will be driving again, so if you would like to travel with them, let them know—they are planning some exciting side trips. Andy and Denis plan on arriving early in Las Vegas to visit with a toymaking group that goes into production with their toys.

If you were at the Woodworking Shows event in Katy, think about 10 times bigger. AWFS will have woodworking products for the home shop to the industrial shop. You will have the opportunity to view machinery that would fill your garage, Computer Numerical Controlled machines that almost build a cabinet. You will have the chance to talk with manufactures representative, Grizzly, Dewalt, Bosch, Jet, Powermatic, etc. You might even see your favorite woodworking celebrity. We had the chance to talk a little with Norm Abrams. He is just like he is on his show, down to earth and interested. Scott Philips was also wandering around and welcomed your introduction.

A side benefit is that Dewalt has a user input station where they will demonstrate new products and pre-release products for your evaluation. They will give you a nice gift just for looking and critiquing their products.

You can be as critical as you can. They want that.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### June 11 – June Monthly Meeting

**Speaker: Mike Turner**, Woodworking Safety

### July 9 – Monthly Meeting

**Speaker: Jim Thompson**, the Society of American Period Furniture Makers

### July 20-23 – Woodworking Show in Las Vegas

For more information: [www.awfsfair.org](http://www.awfsfair.org)

See **Denis Muras** to join the **caravan to Las Vegas**.

## SPEAKER COMING IN JULY

**Jim Thompson**, will tell us about his organization: **The Society of American Period Furniture Makers**, and the fine furniture they create.



To see the extent of his affinity for old tools and other areas of expertise check out this link.

<http://www.wkfinetools.com/contrib/jThompson/jThompson-index.asp>

**Steve Wavro welcomes suggestions and ideas for speakers or topics for the WWCH monthly meetings.**

## SHOP CRAWL

**The shop crawl** is a great opportunity to see some really great places! See the really, really great organizers, Mark Sweigart or Bill Cole, to sign up to crawl along with them.

## NEED INSPIRATION?

This short video shows one awesome tool chest—complete with tools.

<http://www.wimp.com/toolchest/>

The WWCH lending library of books, videos, DVDs are all available to members free of charge. To arrange pick up at one of the WWCH meetings, just contact John Gay (books and magazines) or Blaine Stokes (videos and DVDs).

## COMING SOON

Start honing those skills for the competitive events at

### **The Annual Woodworker's Club of Houston Picnic**

Mark your calendar for the third Saturday in October, Oct. 22, 2011. We are working on details about raffle prizes and events.

# MAY SPEAKER RECAP – ALAN BARR, SAWMILL OWNER



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Imagine a beam of warm sunlight through the blinds waking you in the morning. Imagine strolling through the cool and misty woods where leaves still drip the morning dew and the chatter of bird song is the only sound you hear. Imagine the dappled sun glinting through the tree canopy. Then imagine the saw felling some of those trees to be fashioned into these beautiful works of functional art. His portable “Woodmiser” made quick work of woods from Ike, Rita, and the new subdivision down the road.

Alan Barr lives and works in his own little paradise, in where else but “Woodville”. He operates his own sawmill, and creates whatever inspires him at the time. He cuts and mills the wood himself.

Although he says this was his first “speech”, Alan gave a great presentation full of facts, anecdotes, and lots of humor.

When he mentioned that he had black walnut wood, the members pulled out their car keys and were ready to go.

When he mentioned that he burned all the “leftovers and mistakes”, loud collective groans rose up with shouts of “Save the burn pile! We’ll take it all” !!

So it seems there’ll be an “Open House” to Alan’s neck of the woods soon!

His projects are marketed at many flea markets and craft fairs all across Texas.

*What a life!!!*

*Thank you, Alan!*

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# MAY SHOW AND TELL

## PRESENTERS

1. Ross Benson - Eternal Flame.
2. John Gay - Plant stand and Princess bed crown.
3. Jeremy Grubb – Carved Lily and Marquetry flower chair.
4. Billy Havins - plywood jig
5. Rob Johnson - Routing plaques.
6. Dave Kissinger – Carvings of an eagle and a cardinal in basswood.
7. Lon Kelly - Bowl and nested boxes
8. Steve LeGrue – Walnut bed headboard and maple bowl.
9. Ron Matherly - Mesquite dining table.
10. Denis Muras - Wooden Clocks and scrollsawn baskets.
11. Mark Sweigart – Cherry side table and pine box.
12. Steve Wavro - Beach scene intarsia.
13. Bob Wink - Tramp Art made from White Oak and sculpture.
14. Everett Woolum - Corner table in cherry and walnut.

**Denis Muras'** clocks really work and keep accurate time. His scrollsawn baskets are scraps of various woods: Cherry, Purpleheart, Maple, Bloodwood, Oak, and the business card holder is black walnut and teak

*Hey, Denis, as the clock spins does time fly?*



**Bob Wink** created this Tramp Art niche religious boxes from White Oak. For the "Birds" sculptures, he used scrap pieces of various woods.



**Rob Johnson**, Editor of "American Woodworker" magazine, was here visiting Jeremy Grubb. He showed his CNC routing experiments.



**Billy Havins** brought his custom fabricated plywood jig. He will present his slide show in depth on its special features at a later date



**Steve Wavro** presented a beach scene intarsia, from a design by Judy Gale Roberts, crafted in Poplar, Mahogany, Aspen, and Yellowheart.



**Dave Kissinger** presented a robin and an eagle carved in basswood with woodburned details finished in acrylics.

**John Gay** made this colorful bed crown fit for a princess for a decorator. The rolling plant stand used up the last of the cedar fence boards.

# MAY SHOW AND TELL



**Ron Matherly's** Mesquite dining table has a granite center inlay and turquoise- filled holes. Chairs are also Mesquite. Finished in Marine varnish and water soluble polyurethane. ...*When's dinner, Ron???*

**Ross Benson** carved this Eternal Flame and plaque as memorial pieces for his grand - daughter. Made of Wenge, Osage Orange, Cocobolo, Purpleheart, and Birdseye Maple.

The base is solid and the flame caps the cup of the urn.



**Jeremy Grubb's** lovely lily is carved from a Sycamore slab. Jeremy explains that the set of flower chairs is marquetry, an inlaid technique with dyed wood veneers. He displays his work at CityCenter's Art Festival on Friday afternoons!



**Everett Woolum** made this corner table with inlays of Cherry and Walnut. He did such a great job—it survived a flood!



**Lon Kelly** fashioned this bowl from a neighbor's felled ash tree that laid in the driveway under sawdust for three years becoming beautifully spalted. The legs are removable. The band sawed, nested boxes, are of various woods.



**Mark Sweigart** brought a Cherry side table and a pine box – a practice exercise from the first known woodworking book, *How to do Woodworking* circa 1839. There is no glue, just old style, wedge shaped nails. Interesting is that back then woodworkers would burn dilapidated. old houses to reclaim and reuse the nails!

**Steve LeGrue** made this Walnut 3-in-1 bed for one of his grandkids and finished with acrylic. The bowl is made from Maple.



# Woodworking Clubs, Guilds & Associations

## **EASTERN U.S.**

Deltona Woodcarvers Club - woodcarving in Florida - <http://www.deltonawoodcarvers.com>  
Central Jersey Woodworkers Association - <http://www.cjwa.org>  
South Florida Woodworkers Guild - <http://www.sfwg.org>  
Lehigh Valley Woodworkers Guild - Woodworkers in eastern Pennsylvania - <http://www.lvwwg.com>  
Tidewater Woodworkers Guild - Woodworkers in Norfolk, VA. - <http://www.twwwg.com>  
Charlotte Woodworkers' Association - Promotes woodworking in North Carolina - <http://charlottewoodworkers.org>  
Greenville Woodworkers Guild - Woodworking & service in South Carolina. <http://www.greenvillewoodworkers.com>  
Woodworkers Guild of Georgia - "advancing the art of fine woodworking" - <http://www.woodworkersguildofga.org>  
St.Petersburg (FL) Woodcrafters Guild for all levels: beginners to master craftsmen - <http://stpetewoodguild.com>

## **CENTRAL U.S.**

Cincinnati Woodworking Club - sharing woodworking knowledge since 1982 - <http://cincinnatiwoodworkingclub.org>  
Berrien County WW Guild - open to all levels of woodworkers in SW Michigan - <http://www.qtm.net/bcwg>  
NW Indiana Woodworkers Association - for the hobbyist in northwest Indiana - <http://www.niwoodworkers.org>  
Fox Valley Woodworkers Club, Inc. - Woodworkers in Batavia, Illinois - <http://www.fvwwc.org>  
NE Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild - Meeting monthly in Green Bay - <http://www.woodworker.org>  
St. Louis Woodworkers Guild - craftsmanship, instruction & service - <http://www.stlwoodworkersguild.org>  
Kansas City Woodworkers Guild - promoting the craft of woodworking - <http://www.kcwoodworkersguild.org>

## **WESTERN U.S.**

Nevada Woodchucks - meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly in Reno/Sparks - <http://www.nevadawoodchucks.org>  
Canejo Valley Woodworkers Association - Woodworkers in Ventura County, CA - <http://www.cvwa.org>  
San Diego Fine Woodworking Association - sharing woodworking interests since 1982- <http://www.sdfwa.org>  
Evergreen WW Guild - sharing knowledge & experiences in the south Sound area, WA - <http://www.ewwg.org>  
Guild of Oregon Woodworkers - woodworkers in Portland-Salem area - <http://www.guildoforegonwoodworkers.com>

## **CANADIAN ASSOCIATIONS**

Saskatoon Woodworkers' Guild - for all types of woodworkers, since 1978 - <http://www.saskwoodguild.ca>  
Vancouver Is. Woodworkers' Guild - Camosun College, Interurban Campus, Victoria - <http://www.viwwg.org>  
Superior Association of Woodworkers - Amateur & professional woodworkers, Thunder Bay, Ontario -  
<http://www.sawthunderbay.ca/wordpress>  
S.A.W.S. - Southern Alberta Woodworkers' Society, Calgary - <http://www.saws.ca>  
Ottawa Woodworkers' Association - Woodworkers in the capital city – <http://www.ottowawoodworkers.ca>  
Durham Woodworking Club – <http://www.durhamwoodworkingclub.com>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Scrollsaw Association of the World - Promoting the art of scrollsawing – <http://saw-online.com>

## **OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES: [www.workinggroups.com](http://www.workinggroups.com)**

**Historic Houston**, [www.historichouston.org](http://www.historichouston.org) – a resource for flooring, lumber, hardware, doors, windows, shutters, fireplace mantles.etc.

**Wood Marvels**, [www.woodmarvels.com](http://www.woodmarvels.com) -- Plans for various toys. Mostly for CNC machines.

**Fine Scrollsaw Works**, [www.finescrollsaw.com](http://www.finescrollsaw.com) -- Plans for sale of some intricate fretwork

**D&M Woodcraft**, <http://d-mwoodcraft.itgo.com> -- Toys and other interesting works

**M&G Sawmill**, <http://mgsawmill.com> – Raw and rough cut woods (cedar, red oak, walnut, mesquite etc.), fireplace mantels, bar tops, wide slabs, peeled cedar posts and T&G flooring

**OTHER GROUPS: Scrollsaw Splinter group** [www.dfwscrollers.com](http://www.dfwscrollers.com) – In-depth interest in scroll saw work

**Hand Plane Splinter group** -- Mark Bolinger -- Art of working with Hand Planes

**Friday Night Toy Group** -- Jim Robertson -- the original toy group

## CLUB AND MEMBER INFORMATION – NEWS YOU CAN USE

Please send inquiries to [wwch@wwch.org](mailto:wwch@wwch.org). All comments will be forwarded to the appropriate person for response.

### Membership Directories for 2011 are here!

Every active member is entitled to one. If you didn't pick up your copy at the April meeting, they will be available at the June 11 club meeting or you can have yours sent to your home address via USPS (*personal delivery requires a substantial tip*), please contact any Board member or Gary Rowen at 281-486-2013, or email [wwch@wwch.org](mailto:wwch@wwch.org).

## OPPORTUNITY

See the May 2011 issue of the **American Plywood Association** magazine to download information on the uses of plywood.

[www.apawood.org/level\\_b.cfm?content=pub\\_PubUpdate\\_May2011](http://www.apawood.org/level_b.cfm?content=pub_PubUpdate_May2011)

The articles are entitled:

**APA Product Guide: HDO/MDO Plywood, Form B360,**

**APA Product Guide: Sanded Plywood, Form K435,**

**and one about the LeMay Car Museum construction using glulam members for the framing structure.**



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**NEXT MEETING**

**JUNE 11, 2011**

9AM TO 11:30AM  
BAYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
6400 Bissonnet

**JUNE PRESENTER  
MIKE TURNER**

Woodworking Safety

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**www.wwch.org**

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**PICK UP YOUR**

**2011 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

**AT THE JUNE MEETING.**

***Guests are always welcome at WWCH.***

**STRUT 'YER STUFF WITH WWCH EMBROIDERED  
SHIRTS AND CAPS -- GET YOURS TODAY!**

*(Pssst...Father's Day is only a few days off...hint, hint!!)*

Place your order with Bill Cole at any regular club meeting.

**Shirts: \$22.00    Caps: \$ 6.00**

**Newsletter Publication**

This newsletter is edited and distributed by Joyce Saylan, who may be contacted by email at [sayjoyce@hotmail.com](mailto:sayjoyce@hotmail.com).

**WWCH PURPOSE**

*The Woodworkers Club of Houston is a group of men and women of all ages and skill levels who promote, educate, and share the craft of woodworking. The club meets the second Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft. Guests are always welcome at no charge. Membership dues are \$24 per year, or about the price of one good clamp!*